

# JMI's Monthly Newsletter

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Dear JMI Families,

In reflecting on the past month, the one word that stands out is **thankful**. I am thankful for the incredible students that make our school the best! I am thankful for the amazing staff who are dedicated to supporting students in their academic growth. I am thankful to **YOU**, the JMI Families, who go above and beyond to support your children and the school.

JMI demonstrated that we are a caring community by donating several boxes of food to Hands of Hope before the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you to our Student Council for organizing the food drive.

Thank you to the JMI PTO who hosted our Scholastic Book Fair. Students were eager to shop for new books and fun gadgets! Thank you to the parents and guardians who volunteered their time to make sure the Book Fair was a success.

Our annual tradition of the PTO Thanksgiving Feast took place on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> and did not disappoint. Students were served turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, macaroni and cheese, and corn bread. The food was so delicious that students wanted second servings and in some cases third servings! Thank you to Mrs. Rao and Mrs. Goel for overseeing every detail of the event and for all the parents and guardians who donated and volunteered their time to serve the students.



A new event this year was the JMI Turkey Trot. Students walked, trotted or jogged around the building stopping at the blacktop to dance along with the DJ or jump rope. Mr. Molnar and Mr. Morales measured the distance around the school so students could calculate how many miles they covered during their time outside. The event raised money for class trips, an electronic sign, and a donation was also

made to Hands of Hope. A HUGE thank you to all who donated as we raised over \$4000! Congratulations to Mrs. Nuesa and Mr. Cherence's class who raised the most money. As a fundraising incentive, the student who raised the most money won the opportunity to throw a pie in my face during the closing ceremony! It was a great day and I thank you for your support!



November was also American Education Week and Conference Month. It was wonderful to have so many parents visit the classrooms to get a snapshot of the magic that happens at JMI on a daily basis. I hope that you found your parent teacher conference to be productive and informative. Please continue to reach out to your child's teacher directly as a strong home-school connection is a crucial part of success.

Here are some important dates for the month of December:

- ❖ December 3 – Math Parent Presentation 9:05 AM
- ❖ December 4 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Wingman Training
- ❖ December 7 – School Spirit Day; **Wingman Day**
- ❖ December 12 & 13 – PTO Holiday Sale
- ❖ December 14 – JAMS Choir Concert
- ❖ December 17 – JMI Winter Concert at JMP; Student Council Just Dance Party 3:30 – 5:00
- ❖ December 20 – Holiday Class Party Day
- ❖ December 21 – **1:30 Early Dismissal**; Holiday Sing-A-Long; School Spirit/Holiday Attire Day
- ❖ December 24 – January 1 – School Closed for Christmas Break
- ❖ January 2 – School Re-Opens

## Safety Reminders

As the weather gets colder, please send your child to school dressed appropriately because they will continue to go outside for recess as much as possible. It is recommended that items are labeled so they can be returned to your child if they turn up in our lost and found.